



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

May 04, 2006

The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection gives notice that an application for the renewal of a Water Pollution Control Permit for the **Brimstone Project**, a mining and beneficiation facility, has been properly filed with the Division of Environmental Protection in Carson City. The applicant for renewal of Water Pollution Control Permit **NEV0094114** is:

Hycroft Resources and Development, Inc.
P.O. Box 3030
Winnemucca, Nevada 89446

The facility is located on private land in Humboldt County, within Sections 24, 25, and 36, Township 35 North, Range 29 East, and Section(s) 19, 30, and 31, Township 35 North, Range 30 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian, approximately 50 air miles west of the town of Winnemucca.

The project consists of a mining and beneficiation facility, designed to extract gold, with a maximum permitted production rate of 10 million tons of ore per year. The facility is comprised of the mine, heap leach pads, process ponds, and Merrill-Crowe process plant. Facilities are required to be designed, constructed, operated and closed without any discharge or release in excess of those standards established in regulation except for meteorological events which exceed the design storm event.

The Administrator is constrained to either issue the renewed Water Pollution Control Permit or to deny the application. The Administrator has made the tentative decision to issue the renewed permit.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit, to recommend terms and conditions for consideration of incorporation into the permit, or who request a public hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, NAC Chapter 445A, must submit their written comments, objections, or requests no later than 5:00 PM on the 30th day following the date of publication of this notice to:

Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

All comments or objections received during the public notice period will be considered in the final determination regarding this Water Pollution Control Permit. If the Division determines written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in this matter, the

Administrator shall schedule a public hearing in accordance with the requirements of NAC 445A.405.

The draft Water Pollution Control Permit and all application documents are on file at the Division and are available for public inspection and copying pursuant to NRS 445A.665. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401 or visit our website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.html>